

attached to the Appendix):

B1 sub C1 1. (Amended) A machine for producing a tissue web, comprising:
a forming region with at least one circulating, continuous dewatering wire,
wherein said dewatering wire comprises at least two zones having different wire
permeabilities formed by warp and weft threads.

B1 sub C2 3. (Amended) The machine according to claim 1, further comprising a former
which includes a forming element and two circulating, continuous dewatering belts, at least
one of which comprises said at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire
permeabilities;

B1 said two circulating belts being arranged to converge to form a stock inlet nip, and
then being guided over said forming element, as an outer belt, which does not come into
contact with said forming element and as an inner belt, wherein at least one of said outer belt
and said inner belt comprise said at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire
permeabilities.

B3 6. (Amended) The machine according to claim 3, wherein said former
comprises a crescent former, wherein said outer belt is formed by said at least one dewatering
wire with at least two different wire permeabilities and wherein said inner belt is formed by
a felt belt.

B4 8. (Amended) The machine according to claim 7, wherein said at least two
zones of different wire permeabilities of said at least one dewatering wire are formed by

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weaving threads of at least one of different diameter and different weaving pattern.

Sub C3
11. (Amended) A process for producing a tissue web in a tissue machine, the process comprising:

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forming the tissue web in a forming region of the tissue machine on at least one circulating, continuous dewatering wire comprising at least two zones having different wire permeabilities formed by warp and weft threads.

Sub C4
16. (Amended) The process according to claim 11, further comprising the use of a former which includes a forming element and two circulating, continuous dewatering belts, at least one of which comprises said at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire permeabilities; the two circulating belts being arranged to converge to form a stock inlet nip, and then being guided over the forming element, as an outer belt, which does not come into contact with the forming element and as an inner belt, wherein at least one of the outer belt and the inner belt comprise the at least one dewatering wire with at least two different wire permeabilities.

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21. (Amended) The process according to claim 11, wherein the at least two zones of different wire permeabilities of the at least one dewatering wire are formed by weaving threads comprising at least one of different diameter and different weaving pattern.

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Please enter the following new claims for consideration by the Examiner:

---25. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least two zones having different wire permeabilities are structured to produce different dewatering speeds.